

19. San Gabriel Canyon: B,C, D, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	Although the proposed SEA contains rare plant populations, it does not contain a core population of a listed species and therefore does not meet this criterion. The upper San Gabriel River is a core habitat of several native fish, one of the last areas where 3 of 5 original natives occur together: federally threatened Santa Ana sucker, and the arroyo chub and Santa Ana speckled dace of State concern. All three also live in the SEA area.
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	The proposed SEA contains habitat of the extremely rare San Gabriel bedstraw and the San Gabriel Mountains dudleya. In addition, several plant communities within this SEA are CDFG highest inventory priority communities due to their restricted distribution in the Southern California region. These communities include: walnut woodland, oak riparian woodland, southern willow scrub, coastal sage scrub, and alluvial fan scrub.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	All of the plant communities and habitats mentioned above as being restricted in distribution on a regional basis are also restricted in distribution within Los Angeles County.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	Yes	The three major canyons within this SEA support well developed and diverse riparian woodlands, as well as year-round water sources. These represent important stopover and overwintering areas for a wide variety of migratory birds, as well as essential habitat for resident species. These canyons also support seasonal and more frequent movement for wide-ranging mammals which must move over large areas to fulfill their habitat requirements.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical	No	The proposed SEA does not contain biotic resources that are clearly an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or

	limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.		represent unusual variation in a population or community and therefore does not meet this criterion.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.	Yes	Virtually all of the native biotic communities within this SEA are relatively undisturbed over most of their extent. As such, and because urbanization throughout much of Los Angeles County's foothill regions has removed large expanses of these communities, those in the San Gabriel Canyon SEA are particularly important to the County's natural heritage.